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National Suicide Line Improvement 800-273-8255(TALK)

To those that may read or be involved in the process and selection of a 3 Digit Number to replace the existing Suicide Line 800-273-8255, this my entry and recommended choice to be used.

Briefly I have been attempting to make improvements to the Veteran's Crisis Number for about Five Years now, my attempt originally started with trying to post the Number on Highways in the same place as an Amber Alert and Traffic Updates. This would give a Veteran a regular place they may travel, a posting or reminder that Help is available. Sort of a hand reaching out. This idea was crushed when Michigan's Department Of Transportation codes defined that requirements will not allow 10Digit Number Postings.

This is where our journey for a 3 Digit Number began, recommendations by a coworker and My Son to Adopt 457=Help (not available as SAMHSA's Number 800-273-4357=HELP) During June of 2018 I traveled to Washington DC to discuss with Legislative Staff and Elected Officials this idea, in those meetings I was informed of HR2345 National Suicide Line Improvement Act of 2018.

This Act, not only helps Veteran's but any American In Crisis that can reach out. We went after 825K=825KILO, this Number 825 is Not available. The Available Number is 255 ! You see I'm not a Doctor or a Scientist, not an Engineer, I am a Veteran that does not want to continue hear about my brother or sister Veteran dying because they could not or did not find Help. 255 is only available as an Area Code, I don't understand all the technology yet. Some States aaa-xxx-zzzz, 255 in the xxx position is not available without change in technology.

That being said I don't think there are many groups that don't recommend Talk to engage with someone whom may be at risk. TALK=8255 on your keypad, T255 May give a Veteran or

Service Member, Family or Friends a Easy Code to remember and usable training to deescalate the Crisis until the needed resources can be found!

This, SUICIDE, not only takes our Veteran's at a higher than Average rate, it is in some Statistics our National Tenth Highest cause of death, Second Highest Death Rate among our Nation's Youth(Ages vary between 15-28). I ask those reading, Is this not a National Crisis? When will we TALK=255=T255=Tango255. This can be a roll out as many of those included in Support and Help Challenge are Not-For-Profit Centers or Groups and changes in this Number requires buy-in to new technology, reprinting of material and changes to the way daily business is conducted.

There is so much more that should be in this letter, justification, data and entry's but I have to submit before Comments close with the FCC. I am a planter, you I Plant a seed and hope it will be nourished to grow. That's my place, now I will ask you to look at 255 as an available 3 Digit Code, we will go from there. So TALK if you have read this, TALK to a Veteran not about, TALK to America Youth so they are know you're there. TALK to your Leaders so they understand we must do something Today Not Tomorrow because TALK may just save someone's life.

Thank You for your time and Attention to this Very Important Issue,
Respectfully,
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